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**FORMER I.N.S. INSPECTOR AND 12-YEAR FUGITIVE SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that 46-year-old Jose Trinidad Carrillo, a former Immigration and Naturalization Service inspector in El Paso, was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for allowing the equivalent of more than 112,000 kilograms of marijuana to enter the United States and accepting between \$2 million and \$3 million in bribes from 1990 to 1993.

On March 24, 1994, Carrillo was convicted of conspiracy to import marijuana, three counts of importation of marijuana and three counts of accepting bribes. Carrillo failed to appear for sentencing and was a fugitive from 1994 until he was apprehended in December 2006 in El Paso by deputy U.S. Marshals. On Tuesday, United States District Judge Frank Montalvo sentenced Carrillo to the 25-year federal prison term.

In addition to the prison term, Carrillo forfeited to the government his residence, four automobiles, a motorcycle, ten firearms and approximately \$20,000 in cash.

This case was investigated by agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys Carlos Hermosillo and Stanley Serwatka prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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